

ARTICLE V.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP. Sect. 1.—No person shall be initiated into the Division under eighteen years of age, nor for a less sum than ten shillings.

Sect. 2.—No person shall be admitted into this Division who does not possess a good moral character, or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support.

Sect. 3.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, stating age, residence, and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report in writing at a succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than *four* black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but if five or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Division of the Order under six months.

Sect. 4.—A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

Sect. 5.—A vote of rejection may be reconsidered within three meetings, exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken. But a vote that has resulted in an election, shall not be reconsidered.

Sect. 6.—The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally suspended, rejected or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to the Divisions.

Sect. 7.—Any brother applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.